I **Report and Accounts (1997-98) of the Central Silk Board, Banagalore and related papers.**

II **Report and accounts (1998-99) of the Apparel Export Promotion Council, New Delhi and related papers.**

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILE (SHRI KASHIRAM RANA): Sir, I lay

(i) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under section 12(4) and 12(A) of the Central Silk Board Act, 1948:

(a) Annual Report of the Central Silk Board, Bangalore, for the year 1997-98.

(b) Annual Accounts of the Central Silk Board, Bangalore, for the year 1997-98 and the Audit Report thereon.

(c) Review by Government on the working of the above Board.

(2) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (1) above.[Placed in Library *See* No. L.T.-237/99

(ii) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:

(a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Apparel Export Promotion Council, New Delhi, for the year 1998-99, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Council.(Placed in Library see LT No.238/99)

MoU (1999-2000) between the Government of India and Hindustan Copper Limitedand Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited.

THE MINISTER OF MINES AND MINERALS (SHRI NAVEEN PATNAIK): Sir, I lay

A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:

(i) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Mines and Minerals, Department of

Mines) and Hindustan Copper Limited for the year 1999-2000.[Placed in Library *See* No. L.T.-236/99

(ii) Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Mines and Minerals, Department of Coal) and Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited for the year 1999-2000.(Placed in Library *See* No. LT.235/99)

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have to inform Members that a letter has been received from Shrimati Chandra Kala Pandey stating that she has undergone eye operation and subsequent to that she has to undergo a series of corrective laser surgery.' She is, therefore, unable to travel to Delhi and attend the House from 29th November to 10th December, 1999. Shrimati Chandra Kala Pandey has, accordingly, requested for grant of Leave of Absence from 29th November to 10th December, 1999.

Does she have the permission of the House for remaining absent from the sittings of the House from 29th November to 10th December, 1999?

(No hon. Member dissented)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Permission to remain absent is granted.

Now, Special Mentions. Shri Pradhan

SPECIAL MENTIONS

Increase in number of fire incidents in and around Delhi

श्री सतीश प्रधान (महाराष्ट्र) : सभापति महोदय, कल इस सदन में हमने हिंदुस्तान की एक बड़ी दुर्घटना के विषय में चर्चा की । मैं आज इस सदन में आपके माध्यम से एक विषय रखना चाहता हूं जिसके बारे में सरकार और इस सदन में भी गंभीरतापूर्वक विचार करने की आवश्यकता है । अभी-अभी दीवाली हुई है और दीवाली के समय दिल्ली में और दिल्ली के अगल-बगल के एरियाज में पटाखों की दुकान में आग लगने से अगल-बगल का बहुत सारा एरिया जलकर खाक हो गया, भस्मसात हो गया । इस देश में आग लगने का यह कोई पहला मौका नहीं था । इसके पहले कई बार इस ढंग से आग लगती रही है ।